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SUBJECT: US - AUSTRALIAN ANTITRUST CONSULTATIONS

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1. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS RESPONDED TO
AUSTRALIAN LETTER OF MAY 19 (REF A) ON ANTITRUST CONSULTA-
TIONS, AND HAS PROPOSED THAT DISCUSSIONS BE HELD IN WASH-
INGTON, AUGUST 15 OR 16.

2. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS TEXT OF JUNE 7 LETTER
FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL TO AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR RENOUF
(CONVEYED STATE DEPARTMENT TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, JUNE 9):
BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
LETTER OF MAY 19, 1978 IN WHICH YOU INFORM ME THAT THE
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AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IS AGREEABLE TO HOLDING CONSULTATIONS
IN WASHINGTON TO EXPLORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULTATIVE
PROCEDURES ON THE EXTRATERRITORIAL ENFORCEMENT OF ANTITRUST
LAWS. WHILE I WILL BE VISITING IN AUSTRALIA NEXT MONTH, A
TRIP I AM ANTICIPATING WITH PLEASURE, I THINK THIS MEETING
MIGHT BETTER BE HELD HERE IN WASHINGTON WHERE OFFICIALS OF
OUR ANTITRUST DIVISION CAN BE PRESENT. JOHN SHENEFIELD,

THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR ANTITRUST, WILL BE MY
DESIGNEE TO HEAD THE UNITED STATES TEAM.

THERE ARE SOME PRELIMINARY DETAILS WHICH MIGHT BE DIS-
CUSSED IN ADVANCE, SUCH AS PARTICIPATION BY OFFICIALS OF
THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND QUESTIONS OF AGENDA.
WHILE FIRST CONSULTATIONS NEED NOT RELATE TO ANY PARTICULAR
MATTER OF POSSIBLE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
AUSTRALIA, I WOULD THINK THAT SOME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OR
OBSERVATIONS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE IN POINTING TO OR DISTIN-
GUISHING BETWEEN BROADER PRINCIPLES AND ISSUES.

AS A TENTATIVE SUGGESTION, MR. SHENEFIELD HAS INDI-
CATED THAT AUGUST 15 OR 16 WOULD BE OPPORTUNE DATES FOR
HIM. WOULD YOU PLEASE FEEL FREE TO HAVE A MEMBER OF YOUR
STAFF CONTACT JOHN SHENEFIELD SO THAT WE MAY PROCEED WITH
THE PLANNING.

I WELCOME THIS POSITIVE RESPONSE AND HOPE THAT IT
LEADS BOTH COUNTRIES INTO A MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS RELATION-
SHIP. SINCERELY, GRIFFIN B. BELL, ATTORNEY GENERAL. END
TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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